

Robertson, '01, was also elected member of the Missionary Committee. In addition to the usual exercises, a solo, "Come unto Me," was rendered by Miss Rumball, '98, in her usual charming manner. The president then introduced Miss Rouse, who gave a very interesting talk describing the growth of college missions. Ten years ago there was no organized movement in the cause of missions in any college. Five years ago the movement which originated on this continent had not yet reached Great Britain; to-day the colleges all over the world are bound together by a common bond; and it is noteworthy that this bond is not literary, scientific, or athletic, but Christian in character. The students in South Africa to-day know more of student life in other colleges than the students of Oxford ten years ago knew of student life in Cambridge. Miss Rouse emphasized the need of women missionaries, of college girls to teach in the various native schools and colleges for women. In consideration of the last *command* of our Lord, it is the bounden duty of all to ask ourselves, not so much, "Are we called to go out as missionaries?" as the less frequent but more pertinent question, "Are we called to stay at home?"

A missionary study class is in process of formation. All desirous of joining will kindly give their names to Miss Gilfillan, '98, or to any of the members of the executive.

The Women's Fencing Club has commenced its work for the season, and the beginnings go to prove that this year will be the most successful one so far in the not very lengthy history of the club. The members now number about fifty, and it is understood there are several more who are "thinking it over," and who will be likely to join. The classes are now being arranged to suit the time at the disposal of the members. All who are intending to join are requested to hand in their names at once to Miss Gibbs, '98, or Miss J. Johnson, '99. CARR, '98.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

I have given it its full title, for the meeting was so short that otherwise the report of it might be delegated to Corridor Cullings. When the scribe arrived Mr. Gahan was fighting for his motion to have a committee draft a new Constitution—poor old Constitution! Since MacKinnon left they will never let it alone. Why did not some orator arise and proclaim: "The Constitution has not been the offspring of the thought of man, not the fruit of philosophy, not the effort to give effect to an abstract principle; but by the silent action of forces, invisible and insensible, the structure has come up into the view of the world. . . . It is thus risen, without noise, like the temple of Jerusalem.

"No workman steel, no ponderous hammers rung;
Like some tall palm the stately fabric sprung."

Then, I am sure Mr. Gahan would have felt his ruthless impiety, and Mr. Cleland, too, who seconded the motion. However, it was carried. But the bringing in of the report is not to be allowed until the society shall set a meeting—conservatism is not quite helpless.

Mr. Sinclair then gave notice of motion to the effect that he wanted the wearing of gowns in the meetings of the society abolished. The ghost of former times groaned. When Mr. Sinclair had carried up his revolutionary parchment, he retired and hid himself in a back seat. His conscience is troubling him already. Now came the election of first year representative on the Editorial Board of VARSITY. Mr. R. M. Stewart was successful—and, after the manner of all successful candidates, made a little speech to the effect that he wasn't prepared to make any at all. Those who know say that Mr. Stewart is a good man. Mr. Gahan now moved to adjourn, Mr. Harper seconding the motion. This was lost after much excitement, and the

president called for the programme. But those who were to have appeared seemed to have been buying oxen and marrying wives, for they were not. Mr. Gahan repeated his motion, and that was the conclusion of the whole matter.

Now there was not a great crowd at that meeting. Someone behind me kept figuring out how many would be attending by the end of the term if every man brought two friends, and so on in mathematical increase—it soon included all Canada and the Yukon trail. Seriously, however, let us rally up and make the Lit the huge, noisy, exciting evening once was. Come with clubs and orations. Back up your men in the year debates. Let us give life to this best of old-time survivals, and give those who finish the century such a college instrument as will do away with all lesser meetings.

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NINETEEN-ONERS ORGANIZE.

The largest class meeting of the year was held in East Hall the other day, when the glorious class of 1901, met, organized, and elected the following officers:—President, M. H. Embree; 1st Vice-President, Miss J. T. Robertson; 2nd Vice President, H. W. Irwin; Secretary, F. R. Sims; Treasurer, R. F. Foster; Musical Director, D. L. H. Forbes; Poetess, Miss F. Wicher; Orator, P. A. Carston; Judge, H. M. P. Deroche; Prophetess, Miss Austin; Critic, F. E. Burton; Athletic Director, F. H. Lloyd; Representative to Athletic Association, Mr. McKinnon; Historians, Miss C. McDonald, Mr. Rowland. Councillors, Miss Howlett, Miss Francis, Mr. King, M. A. Buchanan. Color Committee, Miss Crane, Miss R. A. McNally, Miss Ward, E. M. Ashworth, F. H. Wood.

The members of the class were very enthusiastic over the elections; which was shown by the large number present, and their strict attention to business. If reports prove true the class of 1901 will not be behind its predecessors in making itself felt in the University.

"SOME OXFORD TYPES."

On Tuesday afternoon the Classical Association met in Room 3, Burriss Gahan, the president, in the chair. Quite a large number were present to listen to Professor Hutton's delightful paper on "Some Oxford Types." The lecturer dealt with the spirit prevalent in Oxford in his day, and illustrated his remarks with some charming anecdotes of Patterson and Benjamin Jowett, the late Master of Balliol.

Mr. Kylie, '01, was elected first year councillor, but no other business was transacted. Next week W. H. Alexander will read a paper that will be especially interesting to English students, being a critique of a play of Swinburne's, as an attempt to reproduce the ancient classical drama.

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